Just as in Sir Walter’s day, Oriel continues to have an impact at an international level: through the quality of our teaching, the impact of our leading researchers, and the eminence of Orielenses. Oriel’s effect on the world beyond its walls is our greatest and most lasting achievement, but it cannot be maintained without the ongoing support of its former students and friends.

Founded on philanthropy, the Provost and Fellows have established the Raleigh Society as a community of Oriel’s major supporters for those who have contributed £10,000 or more over the years.

The Raleigh Society encourages a more direct and constructive engagement between the College’s major supporters and the Fellows, and provides an effective forum for matters of mutual interest, as well as an opportunity for Orielenses of different generations to meet one another.

RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT

- An invitation to the annual Raleigh Society garden party
- An invitation to the annual Raleigh Society black-tie dinner
- An open invitation to be a guest at High Table each year
- Use of the Raleigh Guest Room once a year
- Special recognition in the Oriel Record and Annual Donors’ Report
- A Raleigh Society bow tie

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THE RALEIGH SOCIETY

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ORIEL’S CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES

COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT
Refurbishing, renovating and preserving our historic buildings and heritage, and investing in new buildings and facilities. Today, Oriel has an opportunity to realise its buildings – the Rhodes Building, the Library, Hall and JCR – to create the very best living and teaching spaces in Oxford, and internationally.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH
Securing world-leading academics to carry out their research and teaching at Oriel. The continuation of Oriel’s academic excellence rests on the expertise of the Fellows who teach and carry out research in its name. The success of our students relies on the individual teaching they receive from their tutors. In order to continue to attract and retain the very best Fellows, Oriel needs to be able to offer incentives in line with the increasing international market.

STUDENT SUPPORT
Ensuring that the very best undergraduate and postgraduate students continue to come to Oriel regardless of their financial situation and in the face of competing financial support from other universities, particularly in North America and Asia. It is Oriel’s pledge never to turn away a talented student due to financial need.

Sir Walter Raleigh was born in 1554 near East Budleigh in Devon, the second son of Walter Raleigh and his third wife Katherine, daughter of Sir Philip Champernowne of Modbury. Courtier, explorer, author and one of Oriel’s most celebrated students, Raleigh came up to Oxford in around 1572. Perhaps most famous for his adventurous spirit and military achievement, Raleigh was also a scholar and a poet. Accused of being involved in the Main Plot against James I, Raleigh was executed in 1618. His portrait hangs above High Table in the College Hall.